

Senate Resolution 26

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Thompson of the 14th, Tippins of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jordan of the 6th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Leadership Cobb and the members of the Leadership Cobb
2 Class of 2019; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb was founded in 1983 by a nucleus of leaders in order to train
4 a new group of leaders to guide Cobb County's future; and

5 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb owes a special debt of gratitude to its founders, Harris Hines,
6 Johnny Isakson, Phil Sanders, and Jay Whorton, and their vision for Cobb County, as well
7 as the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce for its continued support of the program; and

8 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb, from hundreds of qualified applications, selected only 50
9 diverse and exceptionally qualified individuals for the Class of 2019 to provide a learning
10 environment that enhances personal and professional growth to benefit the individual, his or
11 her local community, and the entire Atlanta region; and

12 WHEREAS, the time commitment includes eight full day sessions from September to May,
13 four evening sessions, two three-day retreats, as well as time to attend at least two of the
14 "Lean In" Spotlight on Leadership programs, participation in at least two of the "Reach Out"
15 class projects, homework to prepare for upcoming sessions, and a graduation ceremony, all
16 of which require serious dedication but help the participants become more engaged citizens;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2019 is led by Leadership Cobb alumni Tripp
19 Boyer, Christina Martin, Mike DeWitt, Melissa Perignat, and Ashley Ward from the Cobb
20 County Chamber of Commerce, and dozens of alumni who volunteer for committees to plan
21 each program day including class members Scott Andrews, Sheronica Barcliff, Wezly
22 Barnard, Jeriene Bonner, Chuck Boring, Rita Breen, Mark Carter, Ross Cavitt, Craig Cupid,
23 Heidi Dasinger, Mindy Elkan, Kim Ellet, Brian Faison, Jonathan Fallin, Andrea Foard,
24 Jeremy Fort, Jerry Fountain, Bruce Fraser, Michele Harry, Ellen Hill, Brad Hulsey, Julie

25 Jacobs, Bill Johnson, Melanie Kagan, Dan Kaiser, Leslie Kehoe, Luke Mashburn, Jason
26 Meade, Keylan Mitchell, Darin Mitchell, Jr., Greg Mize, Kay Morgan, Alan Muster,
27 ShaTonya Nicholson, Missy Owen, Julie Peck, Matt Riedemann, Melissa Sabia, Jon Schultz,
28 Kim Sherk, Alisha Smith, Trooper Smith II, Beth Summers, Jasmine Taylor, Elizabeth
29 Weaver, Reed Weigle, Bill Westenberger, Lynn Wigington, and John Zercher; and

30 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Politics Day Committee, composed of Leadership Cobb
31 alumni and led by Co-Chairs Tain Kell and Kari Hackett alongside committee members
32 James Touchton, Jamie Hockin, Jason Shepherd, Karyn Matthews, Lisa Cupid, Luke Lantta,
33 Marsha Lake, Michael Owens, Michael Wall, Neera Bahl, Sarah Douglas, Shawn Davis, and
34 Slade Gullledge, has put together a program where the Leadership Cobb Class of 2019 will
35 spend January 23, 2019, learning more about how their government works and operates,
36 better equipping them to be even more engaged citizens; and

37 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2019 is poised to "lean in and reach out" for the
38 betterment of Cobb County.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize and commend Leadership Cobb and the members of the Leadership Cobb Class
41 of 2019 for their dedication to community service and their commitment to improving
42 opportunities for local citizens.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Leadership Cobb
45 and the members of the Leadership Cobb Class of 2019.